dians working abroad is available since details of remittances of Rs. 10,000 and below are not required to be reported to the RBI by the authorised dealers under the current rules. However, private transfer receipts which, *inter alia*, include remittance received from non-residents of Indian nationality as recorded in the balance of payments statistics during the three years ending 1985-86 (latest available) are as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Amount
1983-84 . .	2648.3
1984-85 . .	2981.9
1985-86 . .	2715.5

(b) and (c) Neither such proposal is under consideration in this Ministry nor is there a record available of a memorandum received from the Chief Minister of Kerala in the Ministry of Finance.

Income tax paid by film stars of Malayalam film World

1494. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of income-tax paid by Mammutty, Mohanlal, Karthika, Joshi, Ambika, I.V. Sasi, Seema and Prem Nazir of Malayalam film world in 1986-87; and

(b) the names of the income-tax defaulters of the Malayalam cinema world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The amount of income-tax paid by these persons in 1986-87 is as under:—

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Mammutty	1,00,070
Mohanlal	91,175
Karthika	Not available.
Joshi	26,394
Ambika	1,51,835
I.V. Sasi	27,598
Seema	10,922
Prem Nazir	7,139

(b) There are no such income-tax defaulters.

Reduction in the export duty levelled on pepper

1495. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate of export duty on pepper and what is the total amount collected as export duty on this item during the last year;

(b) what portion out of this amount was spent for the benefit of pepper cultivation; and

(c) whether Government will consider the demand to reduce the export duty on pepper to help the pepper cultivators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Export duty of Black Pepper is levied at the rate of Rs. 5 per Kg. at present. It is estimated that an amount of Rs. 19.5 crores have been collected as excise duty during 1987-88 based on export of 39340 tonnes of Black pepper as per provisional estimates.

(b) There is no direct relationship between the amount collected as export duty and spent for the benefit of pepper cultivation. The steps being taken to assist the pepper growers include, *inter alia*, a centrally sponsored scheme for integrated development of spices for implementation during the last three years of the 7th Plan. The

components of the scheme are:

(i) Production and distribution of rooted cuttings of high yielding pepper varieties at an estimated cost of Rs. 91.77 lakhs.

(ii) Establishment of model garden for high yielding pepper varieties at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.00 lakhs.

(iii) Distribution of input kits and sprayers to small and marginal farmers for increasing pepper production at an estimated cost of Rs. 137.00 lakhs.

(iv) Field demonstration of pepper at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.76 lakhs.

(v) Rehabilitation of pepper gardens in Kerala at an estimated cost of Rs. 143 lakhs.

To supplement the activities, the Spices Board had established Certified Nurseries for production of 40 lakhs pepper rooted cuttings during 1987-88. It has also programme to produce about 10 lakhs seedlings every year in the Board's departmental nurseries.

(c) Reduction in export duty is not likely to help the cultivators.

Purchase of a flat by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan in Montreux

1496. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA.
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how did Shri Ajitabh Bachchan ackuire the foreign exchange to the tune of about Rs. 80 lakhs for purchasing a flat in Montreux (Switzerland) on April 3, 1986; and

(b) how did he draw foreign exchange for travelling etc. as a resident Indian upto June, 1986 and how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The enquiry into case of alleged Foreign Exchange Regulation Act violations against Shri Ajitabh Bachchan is in progress.

Cooperation of Swedish Government for Certain Investigations

1497. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking to move jointly with the Swedish Government to request the Swiss Government to furnish facts which are required by both the Governments with regard to certain investigations;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons of not making such a joint move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The reference to certain investigations is not clear.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of an Institute of Moist and Wet Evergeen at Jorhat

1498. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up the Institute of North-Eastern Moist and Wet Evergreen at Jorhat; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?